

REMARKS

Before addressing the merits of the Official Action, applicants want to express appreciation to Examiner Robert Havlin for the interview conducted on January 8, 2008.

The Official Action alleges that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) has not been submitted. In response, applicants are preparing an IDS which will be submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in due course.

Furthermore, in the Official Action, Claims 13, 21 and 27 stand rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §112, the 1st paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In response, applicants have amended the claims in a manner as indicated above. Since the amendment does not introduce any new matter, entry thereof is respectfully requested.

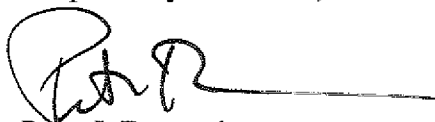
In view of the above-mentioned amendment, applicants respectfully submit that the present application complies with the written description requirement. Specifically, with respect to the scope of radical R₂, Scheme III on page 17 describes the synthesis of compounds wherein the group –NH-R₂ is connected to the *ortho* position of the N of the pyrazole ring. Specifically, the group –NH-R₂ is introduced via a key reaction wherein intermediate 18 is treated by LiHMDS to form an anion, followed by the treatment of substituted isothiocyanate (R₂-NCS), and then cyclized with hydrazine. See page 17, lines 12-18. Moreover, the specification provides concrete examples to illustrate the above-mentioned Scheme III. See page 34, line 15 to page 36, line 16. Since the above-described key reaction is well recognized in the art of chemistry, and there are many commercial available isothiocyanate reagents with different R₂ substituents, a person skilled in the art would readily understand that applicants had possession of the scope of R₂ as claimed in the present invention. In this regard, applicants have

enclosed (as Exhibit A) a list of 363 commercial available isothiocyanate reagents with different R_2 substituents. Those isothiocyanate reagents are available on the market from the most known suppliers, such as Aldrich, for example.

The instant rejection has been obviated, thus withdrawal of the same is respectfully requested.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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